

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 21, 2011**

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:40 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock, present                      Commissioner David S. Frick, present  
Commissioner Patricia A. Evanko, present

Also in attendance were Solicitor Michael T. Clark, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai and others. Members of the news media present were Randy Wells, Nick Ruffner and Dick Robbins.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Ruddock led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**APPROVE MINUTES...DECEMBER 14, 2011**

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of December 14, 2011 as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Ruddock announced there was an Executive Session held with Armstrong County Commissioners' regarding personnel matters.

**JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT FY 2012 - 2013**

At the request of Christy Donofrio, Court Administrator, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the 2012-2013 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant supporting Mr. Thomas Kauffman from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

**AGREEMENT....JOHN A. HAWK, JR. / BDHP**

At the request of Jim Kuemmerle, Director of Behavioral & Developmental Health Program, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with John A. Hawk, Jr. to provide Constable services for BDHP.

**AGREEMENT...THE OPEN DOOR OF INDIANA / BDHP**

At the request of Jim Kuemmerle, Director of Behavioral & Developmental Health Program, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with The Open Door of Indiana to provide crisis services and hotline beginning 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. The phone number for the crisis hotline is 877-333-2470 and will begin operating on January 16, 2012.

**AGREEMENT...CENTER FOR COMMUNITY RESOURCES, INC. / BDHP**

At the request of Jim Kuemmerle, Director of Behavioral & Developmental Health Program, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an

agreement with Center for Community Resources, Inc. to provide crisis services in the evening hours while The Open Door is closed beginning on January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

**APPROVAL OF REVISED GRANT REQUEST, ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT OFFER, AND APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT PHASE IV - RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, INDIANA COUNTY - JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT**

At the request of Ron Anderson, Chairman of the Airport Authority said at its regular monthly meeting on December 19, 2011, the Indiana County Airport Authority unanimously approved a motion to provide an additional \$51,673.00 from Airport Authority funds for the runway project. The Airport Authority is now obligated for \$243,189.37 respectively in local funding for the next construction phase as a requirement to proceed with the grant process.

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a revised grant request and also to approve a grant offer and approve a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation.

Additional requirements from the Bureau of Aviation must be met prior to the award of a contract to the low bidder on the project. These requirements include the submittal of additional documents; the official award of the grant, execution of a grant agreement, and concurrence to award from Bureau officials.

It is also noted that the county has expended thus far \$1,476,217 and cannot make application to the state for reimbursement until such time that all phases of the project are completed. However, the county also cannot move forward to approve the low bidder for the final phase of the project until the Bureau of Aviation approves the grant request.

**CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ADMINISTRATION**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to enter into a professional service contract for construction code services with Pennsafe Building Inspection Services, LLC of Dubois, PA. This contract will take effect on January 1, 2012, replacing our current contract with Bureau Veritas which is set to expire on December 31, 2011. These services are required to meet the needs of the municipalities for which we administer the Uniform Construction Code. Three inspection companies were interviewed. The permit fee schedule will remain unchanged.

**CHANGE ORDER #1 – INTERCHANGE CENTER RENOVATION & REPAIR PROJECT**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Change Order #1 to a construction contract with Quality Construction of Homer City, PA, in the amount of \$2,890.00. This Change Order will provide for clean-up, treatment and repair of a water damaged section of roof and attic space, the removal of two additional furnace vents, additional painting and the addition of approximately 80 square feet of concrete sidewalk around the flagpole. The revised construction contract will be \$124,830.00. Funding for this project is provided by an RACP grant and the Indiana County Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an extension of the contract from December 31, 2011, to February 29, 2012, is

recommended due to a vendor's factory shut down caused by flooding. The nine aluminum glass doors are scheduled to be shipped February 8, 2012.

### **IRLF LOAN APPLICATION – GREEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an IRLF loan in the amount of \$118,000.00 to the Green Township Municipal Authority (GTMA) for engineering design services required for the submission of a Penn Vest application for a water service extension project. The loan will be for a 12 month term at 0% interest. The Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund (IRLF) was established in 2002 with funding secured by Senator Don White through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The IRLF program was specifically created to finance the up-front engineering and design services necessary for infrastructure projects and community facilities. The \$118,000.00 loan to the GTMA will provide interim financing for the engineering design and permitting required to submit a funding request to construct a water service extension including water source development in the Commodore, Starford and Lovejoy areas of Green Township. The application submission to Penn Vest is estimated to be approximately \$4 million.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following board and authority re-appointments and appointments:

#### **AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Ronald Anderson, 960 Kathryn St., Indiana, PA 15701  
New term to expire January, 2017

#### **ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

Kenneth Brown, 105 Franklin Circle, Indiana, PA 15701  
Rhonda Lightner, 155 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Indiana, PA 15701  
Sandy Helman, 1070 Indian Springs Rd., Indiana, PA  
New term to expire January, 2016

#### **FARM LAND PRESERVATION BOARD**

Nancy Bierwerth, P.O. Box 312, Dixonville, PA 15734  
Janis Long, 1219 Hickory Rd., Indiana, PA 15701  
Frank Glass, 1801 Grange Rd., Blairsville, PA 15717  
New term to expire December 31, 2014

#### **HIGHRIDGE WATER AUTHORITY**

James Conway, 230 Rumble Rd., New Florence, PA 15944  
New term to expire January 2017

#### **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Daniel McGregor, 701 High St., Saltsburg, PA 15681  
New term to expire January, 2017

#### **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Carson Greene, Jr., 190 Holly St., Indiana, PA 15710  
New term to expire January 2017

PLANNING COMMISSION

William Cornman, 2029 Whitesell Rd., Home, PA 15747  
Delbert Highlands, Box 234, Dayton, PA 16222  
Ross Bricklemeyer, 140 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Indiana, PA 15701  
New term to expire January 2015

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Joanne Duggan, 208 Forest Ridge Rd., Indiana, PA 15701  
New term to expire 2017

SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

B. Edward Smith, 114 Locust St., Blairsville, PA 15717  
Robert Pozik, 1390 Old Rte 119 S., Homer City, PA 15748 (new appointment)  
New term to expire 2017

TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Dennis Hulings, 19 Mabon Drive, Indiana, PA 15701  
Ruth Batik, 2303 Spruce Rd., Cherry Tree, PA 15724  
New term to expire January 2017

INDIANA COUNTY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

Ronald Wagner, JR., 411 point St. Rear, Saltsburg, PA 15681  
New term to expire January 2017

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Beth Marshall, 46 Jewell Rd., Homer City, PA 15748  
New Term to expire January 2015

INDIANA COUNTY NATURAL GAS TASK FORCE

Remove – Tracey Missien and Mark Sloan  
Appointment – Robert Wilson

**2012 GENERAL BUDGET**

Commissioner Ruddock explained that the 2012 General Fund Budget along with the Capital Improvement and Liquid Fuels Budgets has been on display since November 30, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the 2012 General Fund Budget as follows:

Opening Balance.....\$2,003,142  
Total Revenues.....\$28,338,811  
Total Expenditures.....\$30,341,953

The real estate tax will increase by 1.98 mills. This will allow a Real-estate tax rate of 32.40 mills. 7.40 mills of 32.40 are applied to debt service which the remaining millage of 25.00 is the general operating fund. The per-capita tax rate will remain at \$5.00

Commissioner Ruddock said a few adjustment were made in revenues including the opening balance and an over estimate of CYS revenues. Expenditure adjustments include an increase in tax collector commission which is a result of increasing the millage, insurance adjustments and adjustments needed from an arbitration award from one of the unions.

**2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET**

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the 2012 Capital Improvement Budget as follows:

Total Revenues.....\$55,816  
Capital Improvements Fund Balance.....\$297,749  
Capital Fund Expenditures.....\$353,565

**2012 LIQUID FUELS BUDGET**

A motion was made by Mr. Frick seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the 2012Liquid Fuels Budget as follows:

Total Revenues.....\$390,225  
Total Expenditures.....\$390,225

**COURTHOUSE CLOSED**

Commissioner Ruddock announced that the courthouse will be closed on December 26, 2011 in observance of the Christmas Day Holiday and January 2, 2012 in observance of the New Year Day Holiday.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Ruddock congratulated the Penns Manor Comets on an outstanding football season that took them to a level of achievement that has never been equaled in Indiana County. Also congratulated was Angel Piccirillo from Homer Center for becoming an All American in Cross Country National Championship and to the Penns Manor for going to Orlando, Florida to compete in a national cheering competition.

**REORGANIZATION MEETING...JANUARY 3, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JANUARY 11, 2012, 10:30 A.M.**

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room. It is also noted that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

**ADJOURMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Ruddock adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman